

55. (Unamended) Processor implementable process steps for causing a programmable computing device to perform the method according to claim 23.

Remarks

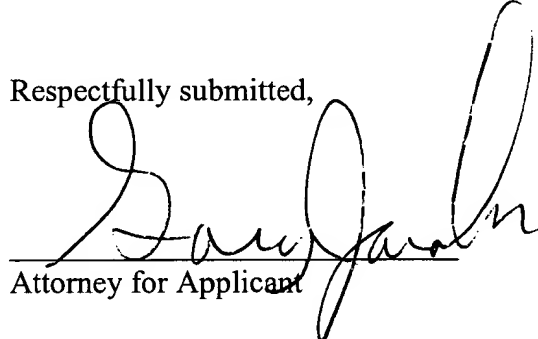
Claims 1-55 are pending. Claim 28 has been amended. Claims 1, 23, and 45-50 are independent.

Claim 28 has been amended to correct a minor informality therein.

Consideration and an early allowance are respectfully solicited.

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**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE TO THE CLAIMS**

28. (Amended) A method according to claim 24, wherein said sampling step draws samples [interactively] iteratively from said probability density function.